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MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL: 1890s family life

Old-fashioned fun found in Wainfleet

GREG FURNINGER
Niagara Falls (Conservancy Area)

The last place you'd expect to find a 16-year-old Fonthill girl on the final summer weekend before school resumes is inside a sweltering blacksmith shop.

But there she was, sweating away over a scorching flame, sweat dripping down her face as she turned an iron bar red-hot, then moved it to an anvil where she hammered a new tool into shape.

"I took a course at Ball's Falls (Conservancy Area) last year," said Madeline Wallace.

"I've been riding horses since Grade 2, and blacksmithing always seemed

interesting."

The hardest part, she said, is crashing down her hammer while holding the hot metal in place.

The teen stood out among the older, grey-haired men also working in the shop at Wainfleet's Marshville Heritage Village Saturday.

The Labour Day weekend's Marshville Heritage Festival has long been the village's biggest fundraiser.

Thousands of people come to their way the 1890s-era setting to feed not only the village's coffers, but to take in the sights, sounds and lessons served up from a farming family's point of view long ago.

Renee Joudrey and her Niagara Falls family — son

Liam, 9, and husband Dan — wouldn't miss it.

"We come every year. The kids love it and we like the atmosphere," said Dan, getting a nod of approval from sister-in-law Kristen Joudrey, who brought her nine-year-old daughter Katelyn.

As music played in the background, the two women said not only is the festival fun for the family, it's also educational.

Kristen Joudrey said they usually spend four or five hours at the festival when they go.

Indeed there's plenty to do "Where," as its slogan says, "the past meets the present."

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Madeline Wallace, with guidance from Terry Rose, works in the blacksmith shop at Wainfleet's Marshville Heritage Village during its weekend-long festival.

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UPFRONT

MARSHVILLE

Old-fashioned fun found in Wainfleet

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Visitors can tour the Morgan-Neff log cabin, the old Wainfleet schoolhouse or the country store. The village also boasts an old printery and a sign shop.

Featured this year was old-fashioned auction of antique tools, collectibles and machinery.

About 125 to 130 juried artists and crafters were also featured.

Sara Shea grew up visiting the festival while cottaging in the area as a child.

That's why the Boston, Mass., woman, her husband and four-year-old daughter, Charlotte, specifically made their Labour Day weekend trip to the Wainfleet area.

"I've been to this festival so many times — this time it's for

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

- Working sawmill
- Horse and wagon rides
- Tours and hands-on displays at 17 heritage buildings, including blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, store, printery and sign shop
- Musicians
- Amish quilt raffle
- Canoe paddling and rafting
- Pig on spit, apple butter
- Antiques auction
- Vintage car, truck, bicycle and motorbike shows
- Juried crafters and vendors



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"I want her to be exposed to the past."

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Boston four-year-old Charlotte Shea, visiting Wainfleet on the Labour Day weekend specifically to attend the Marshville Heritage Festival, tries her hand at rope-making.



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Niagara Falls' Liam Joudrey, 9, and his nine-year-old cousin Katelyn Joudrey work the pull saw at Marshville Heritage Village as Liam's dad, Dan, looks on.



Shoppers make their way along juried artisan and crafter displays at Wainfleet's Marshville Heritage Village.



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LOCAL NEWS

■ OBITUARY: Pete Cosco remembered as family man both on and off the track

Racing community mourns Humberstone owner

MARYANNIE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

The racing community is mourning the loss of one of its strongest advocates.

Pete Cosco, owner of New Humberstone Speedway in Port Colborne, died suddenly Aug. 27 from an aneurysm. He was 60.

Cosco's death left family, friends and race enthusiasts alike stunned. When news of his passing began to spread for wife Linda and family, as well as tributes to Cosco, began flooding the Humberstone Speedway Facebook page.

It was at the track where Cosco spent much of his time.

"He was the first guy you saw when you pulled in and the last one you'd see on your way out," said longtime friend and Humberstone public relations director Steve Stevens.

"He was always around. He always had a smile on his face. He loved to talk and to share his stories."

Cosco and his wife purchased the track in 2004, hosting the first race the following year. But prior to the purchase, he had raced for many years in Niagara and New York state.

Cosco's love for racing ran deep.

"With Pete, I think it was the enjoyment he had going around the cars," Petty said.

The St. Catharines native, who also owned Cosco Haulage in the Garden City, was driven by the opportunity to help others who shared a similar passion.

After purchasing the track, Cosco "semi-retired" from sitting in the driver's seat, returning only briefly in 2013. He instead chose to hand his keys over to up-and-coming drivers.

"Pete loved to drive," Petty said, which made it a difficult but rewarding move.

"He knew what it was like to move up in the ranks, how hard it could be. To give drivers that opportunity meant the world to Pete."

Lending a helping hand was Cosco's specialty.

Whether it was offering advice or finding the right car part, there was there for anyone who needed him, said Linda's sis-

ter-in-law Carol Murray.

"He was the type of person who would do anything for anyone."

His death has "left a great big hole in the racing community," added Murray's husband Jim.

Cosco enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren, three of whom have taken up racing locally.

"He was an awesome father and awesome grandfather," Murray said.

"His grandkids are devastated. He was more than just Papa to them."

Cosco's nieces Amy Fisher and Tammy Roy said in a statement that every day with their uncle was "always an adventure."

"From hanging out at the shop, going to the track, riding in a dump truck, searching him with snakes to watch him run, and chatting and catching up on Young and the Restless," the pair said.

They knew they could "always count on him to share a beer and a hug when we needed it."

Petty said Cosco was "definitely a father figure" to people both on and off the track.

The impact he's left on the tight-knit community was reflected in the number of tribute suggestions heard since his death, Petty said.

"A lot of people want to run on Sunday for no points, no pay, just for fun. To honour Pete's legacy," he said.

It has not yet been decided whether Sunday's races will continue as planned or whether a tribute will be held at a later date.

"Everything is up in the air right now."

Petty admitted it's "going to be difficult for him to around the track" for some time, but encouraged drivers, crews and fans to cherish what Cosco worked to build.

"Without Pete and Linda, we wouldn't have a place to race Sunday nights," he said.

"We'll always miss him, but we'll always remember the smile on his face."

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Niagara Region term report: health and wellness

BRIAN BATY
 For QMI Agency Niagara

In past articles I have provided an overview of the accomplishments of this term of regional council in terms of tax stability, governance and economic development. This article gives the "people" aspect of regional government as it relates to seniors, families and children, as well as health and safety.

Seniors in Niagara have access to day programs and long-term care facilities in eight sites. Provincial mandates require only one long-term care facility. The fact that we have eight homes distributed throughout the region has been beneficial to family and caregivers. In fact we have nearly a one to one ratio of volunteers to residents because of the proximity of our homes to loved ones.

In addition we have a first convolution care program, providing recuperative care to seniors prior to returning home from a hospital stay. We worked with partners to establish the South Niagara Health and Wellness Centre to support seniors at risk of hospitalization. As well,

\$8.6 million was invested to redevelop Deer Park Villa, the region's 39-bed long-term care facility in Grimsby. We achieved the highest level of accreditation for our homes from Accreditation Canada. Programs and services provided by the Niagara Region remain independent and in their homes. Ninety-eight per cent of regional long-term care residents are satisfied with services.

For children and families, we eliminated the wait list for child-care subsidies, enabling more parents to work, go to school or train for jobs. The region provides nearly 3,000 families annually with a child care subsidy. More than 2,000 children and youth were provided with recreation, educational and cultural programs through YMCA of Niagara. We worked with child care and education partners to transition four- and five-year-old children into Ontario's full-day kindergarten program. We introduced a physical health and nutrition program to all child-care operators with preschool-aged children. The M+B 2B (Mom and Baby-to-Be) program was launched as a free prenatal mobile device which offers information about planning a pregnancy through to birth. Well Baby Clinics and Parenting Drop-in centres were opened in Niagara Falls, Welland and St. Catharines, providing support and information about baby health and development.

Health and safety promotion are major thrusts for the public health and emergency services departments. More than 100,000 residents are served annually through public health clinics, classes and workshops. Regional contribution to the new hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre amounted to \$21 million.

We established a Niagara EMS community paramedic in Welland to reduce response times and provide comprehensive paramedicine to residents. The first co-located Niagara Emergency Medical Services and Niagara Regional Police Service facility was opened in Fort Erie.

Online real-time water quality monitoring was introduced for our public beaches. We implemented a water quality management system to provide consumers with high quality drinking water and effectively managed all aspects of water treatment and distribution,

from source to tap.

We developed and passed a regionwide smoke-free outdoor spaces by bylaw to protect people from outdoor second-hand smoke. The Mobile Dental Clinic was launched to provide dental and dental care to children and youth at their schools.

More than one million page views have been seen over the past two years since the introduction of online access to health inspection reports of restaurants, tattoo parlours, hair and nail salons, public pools and spas.

A community-based outreach nursing program has been implemented to address the health needs of vulnerable residents. A central immunization records system was established to streamline access to data in the event of an outbreak.

These initiatives did not make front page news but collectively add value to the lives of Niagara living up to the slogan of Niagara Region: Building Community. Building Lives.

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Shipwrecks – Golfo di Palermo

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 For QMI Agency Niagara

The 174.92-metre-long bulk carrier had been built at Leghorn, Italy, in 1960 and could carry 20,876 tons of cargo.

Golfo di Palermo had several owners over the years but always kept the flag of Italy flying on its stern. The ship had the misfortune of being at Basrah, Iraq, during

the war between that country and Iran and was damaged in an air attack on Sept. 22, 1980. The crew had abandoned the ship by Sept. 29 leaving it among the many other vessels wrecked by the war. These included a surprising number that had been Great Lakes service.

When peace was restored, *Golfo di Palermo* remained isolated in an area known as "bombed out ships" resold in most being sold for scrap. The damaged hull of *Golfo di Palermo* was prepared for the trip to Alang, India, and it arrived there to be broken up on June 13, 1995.



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Niagara woman a Bachelor contestant

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A St. Catharines personal support worker has been chosen as one of 25 contestants on TV's 'The Bachelor' Canada.

The 31-year-old woman, who goes by the name Sarah, is competing for the heart

of Tim Warmels, 28, an entrepreneur and Richard Ivey School of Business graduate. Her bio lists her best attributes as loyal, honest and non-judgmental. She wants to open her own studio to teach pole dancing and fitness.

She's up against an ER doctor, lingerie model, personal trainer and realtor, among others. The 10-episode reality series begins airing Sept. 18 on CityTV.

Fines for smoking meat without a licence

The owner of Joe's Meat Market Ltd. in Port Colborne has been fined \$2,500 for violations of provincial laws that protect food safety.

On July 25, Joe Ufaliusky pleaded guilty in the St. Catharines Provincial Court to one count of carrying on licensed activities without being licensed. A Ministry of

Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regulatory compliance officer and a public health inspector conducted an inspection on Nov. 7, 2013, which revealed Ufaliusky was processing smoked meat on-site and selling it in the store.

Smoking meat is an activity that requires a licence under the Food Safety and Quality Act.

In a recent news release, the ministry said Ufaliusky previously held a licence to perform higher risk activities such as smoking, roasting

or rendering the licence in August 2011. The court ordered Ufaliusky to pay a fine of \$2,000 plus a victim fine surcharge of \$300.

On Aug. 6, Winona man Vladimir Vukobratic, operator of a family farm business, pleaded guilty in a Hamilton courtroom to processing smoked meat without a licence and was fined \$1,250. On April 13, the ministry responded to a complaint that Vukobratic was selling smoked meat products from his vehicle at a church parking lot on Dixie Rd. in

Mississauga. Compliance officers conducted an inspection and found and detained several meat products. An inspection at the farm was conducted and more meat products that had been prepared by Vukobratic between Jan. 1 and 31 were ready for sale. All products were voluntarily destroyed.

He had been warned previously that he required a licence and signed a declaration in 2009 agreeing not to produce these meat products, the agriculture ministry said.

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ROAD SAFETY

The new DWI – driving while intexticated

ROB HOULE

QMI Agency Niagara

It's the new DWI — driving while intexticated.

Niagara Region medical officer of health Dr. Valerie Jaeger coined the phrase at a news conference last Wednesday at Niagara Regional Police headquarters in St. Catharines. The media event was put together by the Niagara Region Road Safety Committee, which as part of its Think and Drive Campaign is shifting focus to the problem of distracted driving.

The committee, with members from the NRP, OPP, Niagara Parks Police, CAA Niagara and Niagara Region's public works and planning departments, noted OPP statistics show 50% of all collisions in Ontario are the result of

distracted driving, such as texting or e-mailing while behind the wheel.

"It occurred to me as I was thinking about this today, that this is the new DWI — driving while intexticated," Jaeger said.

The focus of the distracted driving campaign is to educate drivers between the ages of 16 and 24, because Statistics Canada data shows they are the age group at the highest risk of dying in vehicle collisions.

"Although there is a target for this campaign, I want to make it clear that it's everybody's business," Jaeger said, adding a recent survey of youths in the United States revealed 15% of them witnessed a parent texting while driving.

She said there were 78 deaths in the province last

year attributed to distracted driving.

"And distracted driving is a factor in about 50% of all collisions," she said.

The committee aims to shine a light on the perils of distracted driving via education and advocacy campaigns while police will continue enforcement of a law in which the penalty for distracted driving is set to increase.

Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca said he is moving forward with plans to increase the fine to a maximum of \$1,000, double the current max of \$500, and three demerit points.

NRP Chief Jeff McGuire said the service is "embarking on a period of increased heightened awareness, education and enforcement to combat distracted driving

offences on our roadways."

Since the introduction of distracted driving legislation in 2009, McGuire said, police have maintained efforts to not only enforce the law but also educate the public on the danger of using cellphones or other forms of distraction while driving.

"The message has been delivered and repeated over and over again, but it's quite clear ... the message is not being heard, or it's being ignored."

Expect extra enforcement during long weekend, McGuire said.

"We're going to be doing a little bit more to help distract you this week end, because if we find you driving and you're using your cellphone, we're going to distract you with some

enforcement."

OPP Niagara detachment commander Staff Sgt. Jan Idzenga noted the 78 fatalities in 2013 attributed to distracted driving surpassed those that were alcohol related (57) and speed related (44).

CAA Niagara spokesman Rick Mauro put a dollar figure to a conviction for distracted driving.

Mauro said he was told by CAA home and auto insurance peers that an 18-year-old driver with a clean driving record who has a four-year-old compact car can expect to pay approximately \$1,500 more per year in premiums after a distracted driving conviction.

"And that's based on the current consideration of distracted driving being what is seen in the insurance world

as a minor offence," he said. "Should distracted driving, as we are anticipating, become a major offence, the financial consequences are much, much worse."

He said premiums for that same 18-year-old would go up 40% to 78%.

"To put that into dollars and cents, that's anywhere from \$3,400 a year to \$6,500 a year."

"I would say that no text, tweet or e-mail has that kind of value."

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There will continue to be free rentals to all youths aged 16 and younger.

The Welland Canoe Rental Program caters to individuals looking to spend the day under the sun or to larger groups for a family outing, birthday party, social event or team-building venture.

More than 2,200 local individuals have used the rental program this season. Single kayak and pedal boat rentals start at \$12 for the first hour, with additional half-hours costing \$5. Tandem kayaks, canoes and standup paddle boards are \$18 for the first hour, with additional half-hours costing \$9.

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CITY COUNCIL

Port waives residential development charges

MARYANNE FIRTH
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Port Colborne council wants to build the lakeside city up.

In an effort to spur development, council opted last week to put a city-

wide two-year moratorium in place that waives development charges for residential properties.

A new one is needed in Port Colborne and needed soon, said Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele, who recommended the freeze take place.

The complaint Port Colborne hears the most, he said, is about the cost of development charges and it's acting as a deterrent for people who may otherwise build in the city.

"We're doing a good job on the commercial and industrial side," he said while citing incentives offered through various community improvement plans that waive a percentage of all development charges. Except for the residential side, however, he feels we are lacking.

There are several empty lots found throughout Port Colborne just waiting to be built on, Steele said. The timing couldn't be better, he added, as the Ministry of Transportation recently removed a tunnel designation from undeveloped lots.

Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters believes the moratorium is needed and should be "advertised out there aggressively."

"The message needs to get out in an effective way that this is a place to build. You're going to save money if you build here."

Residential development charges, on average, provide the city with \$800,000 per year, which is about 0.76% of the tax levy. Those funds are placed in a reserve and are not always used in the same year they're acquired, said planning and development director Dan Aquilina.

The reserve has about \$615,000 in it.

The freeze may mean lost revenue, but those funds will instead be reinvested through new property taxes and assessments paid by Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner.

If the city can go from an average of 12 homes per year being built to 24, it will "go a long way" in putting funds in the tax coffers, Steele added.

According to a staff report, it would take approximately 42 years to reach nearly double the existing average for Port Colborne to break even on the lost development charges.

Charges total about \$9,000 for an average-sized home within the city's urban boundary and about \$7,000 on a rural property.

The city has two subdivisions on the books that could move quickly enough to take advantage of the two-year freeze, Aquilina said.

"I don't think two years will impact the taxpayers at all."

If the citywide freeze is deemed successful, charges can be reintroduced after two years at 25% or 50% of the previous rates, he added.

While the amended motion calling for the moratorium was approved by council, the development charges bylaw will come forward for final approval at the Sept. 23 council meeting.

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LOCAL NEWS

PETER KORMOS: Local author pens biography

DAN DAKIN
QMI Agency Niagara

Larry Savage always knew he wanted to write a book about the life and times of Peter Kormos.

He just didn't expect to write it so soon.

While visiting Los Angeles in April 2013, an associate professor and director in the Centre for Labour Studies at Brock University got a text saying Kormos, the colourful Welland politician, had died.

"Someones like him doesn't come around very often, so I thought it was someone people would be interested in reading about," Savage said.

On the flight back to Ontario, Savage started working on the outline for the book and in the 15 months since, he researched, authored and published *Socialist Cowboy: The Politics of Peter Kormos*.

"I had always thought, even before he passed away, that he would be a good subject for a book, but I didn't turn

my direct focus on it until he passed away," said Savage, a Niagara Falls native now living in St. Catharines.

Savage had worked on four previous books either as an editor or co-author, but *Socialist Cowboy* is his first solo project.

"Peter was this larger than life political personality and I thought someone like that deserved a book."

More political biographies focus on prime ministers or others who served at a high level, but Kormos had a higher profile than most of his colleagues, Savage said.

"He was a household name in Ontario politics, which is very unusual for someone who spent most of their career on the backbenches," he said.

Savage had some inside knowledge on the Welland man after meeting him in high school and working on his 1996 Ontario NDP leadership campaign. He also spent some time as an intern in Kormos's Welland constituency

office and then worked for him part-time.

Savage researched the book by spending many hours at the Welland Library reading through old *Tribune* newspaper articles dating back to 1968, when Kormos led a student strike at Eastdale Secondary school.

"They were far more detailed than (articles) are nowadays, so you had a pretty vivid description of what happened," he said.

Savage added to that interview with people who knew and worked with Kormos, as well as transcripts from the NDP MPP himself.

"I wanted his own voice to come through because he often talked about Welland in his speeches," he said.

The book, published by Rosewood/Fernwood is now available for sale at local bookstores. Savage will be doing a pair of public readings: Sept. 11 at Welland Public Library and Sept. 19 at Niagara Artists Centre in St. Catharines. Both



JULIE JUCMAN/STAFF PHOTO

Larry Savage has written a book on one of Niagara's most popular politicians, titled *Socialist Cowboy: The Politics of Peter Kormos*.

are at 7 p.m.

Savage now has two book projects on the go — one about the way the Canadian labour movement has tried to use the Charter of Rights and

Freedoms to help its agenda and a second about the failed attempts to form unions in the local casino industry.

"That's in its early stages. I grew up in the Falls so I'm

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Training tank receives \$100K for programming

The provincial government is sending a wave of funding into the Rose City.

Welland Recreational Canal Corp. announced last week the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has awarded \$100,000 to the Welland Indoor Paddle

Tank Program over the next two years.

The money, invested through the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund, will provide support for tank equipment and staffing for various community

programming initiatives. It will also provide for strength and conditioning equipment for the designated gym area to further improve the training venue.

The indoor training tank, unveiled in April at the Welland

International Wakewater Centre, allows athletes to hone their skills on the water year-round.

Programming for the tank, which is designed for dragon boat, rowing, canoe sprint and kayak sprint, will begin on Oct. 18.



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■ COMMUNITY

Food banks feel the heat

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No matter where you go in Niagara Falls, you're going to hear the same story.

The pressure on food banks is rising. Supplies on shelves are thinning, and there is no sign the situation is going to improve.

Community Care in St. Catharines and Thorold, Project SHARE in Niagara Falls and the Home Centre in Welland all report a steady and dramatic spike in demand as summer draws to a close.

"It's not that donations have waned, it's that demand has shot up," said Betty-Lou Souter, CEO of Community Care. "We're running low on a lot of basics."

Sheri said the drastic spike in

demand is not confined to Niagara. It's happening at food banks across the country.

At Project SHARE, the food bank in Niagara Falls, executive director Elaine Phibach said there has been a noticeable increase in the number of families coming in for help.

"Normally we would see about 100 families a day. Now we are seeing around 120," she said. "That definitely has an impact. I was just talking to my warehouse manager about going out to buy more food."

The situation is much the same in Welland, where the Home Centre's executive director says it has been the busiest month of the summer by far.

Marc Carl said August saw

a 16% jump in demand over May, June and July, with an 11% increase in the number of families with young children coming in.

He said summer can be hard on parents for two reasons.

First, having the kids at home means more time spent providing meals so food costs go up. And back-to-school costs can put such a significant dent in a parent's budget, they have no choice but to go to a food bank for help.

Souter said the stresses of a poor economy and back-to-school costs has resulted in basic items like macaroni and cheese, juice and canned soup running out.

Additionally, there has been recent criticism of food banks

for stocking up on items like canned soups and other processed foods that typically have higher sugar or salt content than fresh food.

"Some people are saying food banks should only have healthy options. And we do try to get as much healthy food and fresh produce as we can, but people also need a full stomach," Souter said.

She said the food bank is urging farmers to donate some of their hometown food.

"Most farmers don't know they get a tax break for donating their produce to a food bank," she said.

In Niagara Falls, Phibach is also pushing for more produce, asking residents with gardens to

consider bringing food in.

She said she has started to see people who used to be supporters of the food bank coming in as clients.

"I heard it a lot now," she said.

"People are saying, 'I used to donate to you, but now I need

your help.' We have more people without work, which means more people who need help but also fewer people who can donate."

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Volunteers Meredith Lichty and Ted Oakes at the food bank in St. Catharines, where they are running short on staples like canned fish and macaroni.

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Samosh, an oncologist, was an avid cyclist. He took the sport seriously and would not fail to show up for the event, for any reason. It was just too important.

"He had been in a fairly serious cycling accident a few months before," said Dr. Brian Findlay, who was Samosh's friend, colleague and fellow cyclist. "He broke his hip in the accident. He had only just healed, but he showed up to do the 100-km ride anyway."

The ride was more than just a way for Samosh to indulge his passion for cycling.

And to cause, the cancer centre was more than just of professional significance. Samosh had survived lymphoma.

"Having cancer gave him an insight he didn't have before, but it didn't change his practice, which was always rooted in caring for the patients and the best medical care possible," said Findlay.

Samosh was part of the ride since its inception six years ago. He became so identified with it, he was featured on the posters advertising the 2012 event.

But this year when the ride begins Sept. 7, he won't be among the riders.

On March 7 at the age of 56, Samosh died. His cancer

returned, this time attacking his brain.

His wife, Rosalie Samosh, said the diagnosis was a heavy burden for him because as an oncologist for nearly 30 years, he was more keenly aware than most about what his prognosis meant.

But his dedication to his patients and to the cancer centre has inspired others to stay involved, she said.

Rosalie Samosh will be at the event as a volunteer and Findlay will be part of a team of riders taking part in Marty's memory.

This year, the Big Move cancer ride aims to raise \$400,000 which will be used to purchase equipment for the cancer centre in St. Catharines.

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■ MUSIC: Annual Parkinson's fundraiser

Cafferty returns to headline Light of Day 8

JOHN LAW
QMI Agency Niagara

This year's Light of Day Niagara show is going to have an '80s all-star feel.

The annual fundraiser for Parkinson's Disease will be headlined by returning favourites John Cafferty & The Beaver Boys Band, and he'll be joined by former NewRomantics singer Wally Palmer and Alex Ligertwood of Santana.

The line-up, announced Monday by organizer Dave Rotella, also includes Jason Heath & the Greedy Souls, Bobby Mahoney & the Seventh Son, and — tentatively — Paul Langford of the Tragically Hip. Light of Day regulars Joe Grushecky and Joe D'Urso will be returning.

"This year's lineup could be the best show we've put together in the eight years of organizing Light of Day Niagara," says Rotella. "It will be

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The show takes place Nov. 7 at the Greg Frewin Theatre. Additional shows take place Nov. 6 at the Hard Rock Cafe in Toronto, and Nov. 8 at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

Securing a headliner is always a challenge for Rotella, but he knew fans would welcome back Cafferty, who played a memorable set at the 2011 show.

"I've stayed in touch with John over the past few years and we have always talked

about bringing the band back to perform after their amazing set they did back in 2011," he says.

Rotella saw Cafferty play a private show a couple of months ago in which he invited musicians from 38 Special, Journey and Pablo Cruise to join him.

"It was there we got the idea to see if he'd bring a few guests and John, as always, went above and beyond to gather up a few friends."

Fans will remember Palmer from his first ever crowded concert — he was part of Ringo Starr's All-Starr Band when they played Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort in 2010.

Rotella started the show with friend Mike Minervini as Canada's answer to the popular Parkinson's fundraiser in New Jersey, with most years sees Bruce Springsteen perform. The Niagara shows have raised nearly \$200,000 over their first

six years.

The Niagara shows have seen performances by Southside Johnny, Willie Nile and Gary U.S. Bonds. Ron Sermith played the first year.

"I have stood in awe with some of my musical heroes and it truly amazes me, their selflessness and

generosity," says Rotella. "When this horrible disease is finally eradicated, it will feel good to know that myself and the entire community of Niagara were able to play a small part in that victory."

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■ DINING INNOSION: Niagara chef revamps businesses for Cottage Life show

Adding spice to kitchen fare

JOHN LAW

QMI Agency Niagara

Victor Barry may be a mild-mannered chef from Niagara-on-the-Lake, but a piquant kitchen can make him boil over.

The co-host of Cottage Life's new series *Dining Invasion*, premiering Friday, saw plenty that frustrated him while taping the show's 13 episodes, from cooks who didn't know the basics to chefs who resented him being there.

The show sends Barry and event planner Rebecca Wise to various struggling resorts and inns — he handles the menu while she spruces up the place. Unlike the angry tirades of *Bar Rescue's* Jon Taffer, Barry kept his cool on camera despite what he saw.

"When you walk into a place and the head chef has never broken down a chicken before, like, come on

man," says Berry, who owns the posh Splendido restaurant in Toronto. "You've got to be kidding me."

If that wasn't enough, at the same resort Barry got the impression from the chef he wasn't needed. Which baffles him because he's there to help. "He might have looked a little receptive on television, but when all was said and done, he didn't listen to a damn thing I said."

And that's just the first episode.

From tired menus to dated atmosphere, Barry and Wise bring the city's expaties to what are often old-fashioned, family-owned restaurants. Many are in dire trouble, struggling to keep up with the changing hospitality industry.

Berry has seen both ends of the food spectrum, starting out at his uncle's Volcano pizzeria in Niagara

WHO: Victor Barry
WHAT: Dining Invasion
WHEN: Friday, 10 p.m.
CHANNEL: Cottage Life

Falls before he even started high school — "basically just to keep me out of trouble."

There he learned the basics of food preparation and customer service.

From there, he went to the Prince of Wales Hotel in Niagara-on-the-Lake as a high school co-op student, eventually being hired by executive chef Lee Parsons.

"I was a sponge at that point because I didn't know anything, so I just learned everything and kind of fell in," he says. "I asked so many questions. I'm sure everyone hated me because I was like, 'What's this? What's this?'

Parsons showed the commitment required to run a kitchen — Barry would show up at 8 a.m. for the dinner shift, and Parsons would already be there.

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BUSINESS: But other opinions split over findings in report by C.D.Howe Institute

Wine council backs call for private stores

KARENNA WALTER
KJL Agency Niagara

A recent report calling for Ontario to "level the playing field" by allowing private wine sales is being praised by the body representing close to 70 Niagara wineries.

Wine Council of Ontario has been a vocal proponent of private wine shops and launched a campaign in May to bring awareness to the issue.

"We just can't understand why the government isn't ruling to this model," said Allan Schmidt, chair of Wine Council of Ontario, which runs the PalisPerfect.com campaign.

"It will make more money, it will expand Ontario wineries, it will create more jobs and the LCBO will actually increase their sales."

The C.D. Howe report Uncovering a Strong Brew: The Need for More Competition in Ontario's Private Beverage Retailing System, released last month says the current liquor sales system suffers from "various inefficiencies" and disadvantages for consumers.

The quasi-monopoly enjoyed by the LCBO and TBS (The Beer Store) imposes excessive costs on consumers, restricts their menu of

choices and limits the accessibility of stores retailing alcohol," the report says.

"In addition, it imposes distortions on small domestic breweries and wineries and puts them at a competitive disadvantage relative to a few large Canadian and foreign producers."

The report also recommends the government allow grocery and convenience stores to sell beer and wine, which is not supported by the wine council, and opening up beer retailing by non-beer makers.

Currently, the majority of off-winery stores — such as those in grocery stores — are operated by the two largest Canadian wine-makers, Constellation Brands runs more than 160 Wine Rack stores and Andrew Peller Ltd. has 100 Wine Shop outlets.

Those stores were grandfathered in under the 1987 Free Trade Agreement with the U.S., so without them, Ontario put a moratorium on stores and new winemakers can only sell product in the LCBO or at their wineries.

"It really disadvantages any VQA winery that's opened up in the last 20 years," said Schmidt, who is president of Vincent Estates Winery.

The Ontario Wine Council has called for a network of privately-run wine shops that would be customers of the LCBO's wholesale distribution arm. The 700 private stores would sell to the public.

The model is similar to that in British Columbia, where Schmidt said the wine industry has boomed since the provincial government took a similar step.

He said in B.C., the wholesale division of the province's LCBO-equivalent has outpaced the retail division of its own stores.

Schmidt said the B.C. government is making \$200 profit per capita in sales compared to \$121 per capita in Ontario.

"That's all the money the government is leaving on the table. We're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars," Schmidt said.

But Patrick Gedge, president of the Winery and Grower Alliance of Ontario, said while the LCBO's 640 stores and the agency stores, it's difficult to identify where there would be under-serviced areas in the province that wouldn't cannibalize existing sales.

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Ash tree plan awaited

Port Colborne Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner is eager to see a report come forward outlining the plan of action to remove dead ash trees from city streets.

Many of the lakeside city's ash trees

have fallen victim to the emerald ash borer, an invasive species that has infested thousands of trees in southern Ontario.

At last week's council meeting, Bodner questioned when staff would be coming forward with options available

for having the trees removed.

Though he could not provide a date, manager of projects and design Chris Lee said staff have been working on the report and have also been putting time into tree removal and tree-planting contacts.

Contact has also been made with Canadian Niagara Power to work out a

"co-ordinated effort" to ensure dead

trees are causing no issues to local

hydro lines, said chief administrative officer Bob Heit.

Funding available to farmers

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Crop Improvement Association.



Notice of Revision of Voters' List Municipal Elections Act, 1996 s. 23(2)

Beginning September 2nd, 2014, the Voters' List for the Township of Wainfleet will be available for inspection at the Municipal Office during regular business hours as follows:

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,
31940 Highway 3, P.O. Box 40, Wainfleet ON L0S 1V0.

The List will also be available during the Wainfleet Fall Fair at a kiosk on the fairgrounds, Friday, September 19th through Saturday September 20th.

Residents are encouraged to check that their information on the Voters' List is correct and, if it is not, to file the necessary applications for correction with the Clerk well in advance of voting day.

The period for revisions to the Voters' List is from September 2nd to October 27th, 2014. During this period a person may make an application to the Clerk requesting that their name be added to or removed from the Voters' List or that the information on the Voters' List relating to them be amended. Identification IS required for additions to the Voters' List.

Applications to remove another person's name from the Voters' List may be made between September 2nd and September 12th 2014.

Application forms will be available at the Clerk's office and on the Township website www.wainfleet.ca once the revision period commences. Completed application forms may be filed in person by the applicant or his or her agent or by mail by the applicant.

The application must be signed by the elector.

Electors may also phone in an enquiry to the Municipal Office, 905-899-3463. The elector must be prepared to provide their complete information including name, address, and date of birth. An elector can only enquire about their own information. Staff will confirm whether or not their information matches or is found on the list. Due to privacy issues, staff cannot conduct a search based on incomplete information.

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Banks has a vocal style, strength and clarity that has been compared to Etta James and Diana Washington, and the charisma and boldness of Tina Turner.

The Canadian-born singer is a diverse, international artist comfortable with jazz, classic R&B, soul and even reggae. She's often lauded for her captivating live performance, her commanding stage presence and after each member of her audience, her sincerity and certainly her authenticity. Robin Banks has performed with the likes of Duke Robillard, Doug James and a long list of legendary Texas, West Coast and Chicago musicians.

She was winner of new artist of the year at the Maple Blues Awards in 1997, and has been nominated three times for female vocalist of the year at the Maple Blues Awards.

She has released four independ-



SUPPLIED PHOTO

Robin Banks.

ent CDs and makes regular tours to Europe and the Caribbean, but recently made Toronto, Canada her home.

Miss Banks' 4 performance at the bandshell in Pelham's Peace Park starts at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

For more information, visit www.fonthillbandshell.com and www.reverbnation.com/robinbanks.



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